not take into account the releases for other purposes in the districts? In Mathurai district, I know galvanized iron sheets were released for other purposes. Is it not a fact that the statement refers only to agricultural purposes? ''

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I take it that the whole question and the supplementary questions put by the hon. Member related only to agricultural purposes and not other purposes.''

The Chingleput District Wholesale Co-operative Stores.

* 103 *Q.*—DR. P. S. SRINIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have received petitions stating—

(*a*) that the Chingleput District Wholesale Co-operative Stores are compelling producers to give 1½ to 2 measures of paddy or rice free for every 2 maunds of paddy or rice purchased;

(*b*) that the producers have no option in the matter as they have to sell their paddy only to the agents of the wholesale stores who take their own time to purchase the paddy; and

(*c*) that it would be more advantageous to the producers if more wholesalers are appointed by the Government?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) No.''

DR. P. S. SRINIVASAN :—" Have no complaints been received? ''

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" No complaints are on record here.''

Manufacture and sale of Vanaspathi.

* 104 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government intend to prohibit the manufacture and sale of Vanaspathi;

(*b*) whether it has been found that Vanaspathi is injudious to health; and

(*c*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to decentralize the oil industries and encourage the village ghani?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Industries) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The Government of India is conducting investigations. It has not yet been established that Vanaspathi is injurious to health.

" (*c*) A proposal to discourage the starting of oil mills in rural areas which would displace rural industries is under the consideration of Government.''